(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether Government proposes to review the Animal Preservation Act in consultation with the State Governments and suggest amendments in view of changing animal production and utilization scenario distorting domestic prices of meat products?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) The per capita consumption of meat in the country, as per FAO (2007) estimate is 13.70g//day.

(b) and (c) During year 2007, 12450000 cattle, 10857000 buffalo, 19538000 sheep, 54300000 goat and 14200000 pigs total 111345000 livestock were slaughtered for meat in India, as per FAO date.

(d) and (e) The Agriculture and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry is responsible for promotion of meat and meat products export and maintains the export figures country wise, not region wise. The total quantity and value of meat and meat products exported during 2004-05 to 2006-07 is given in Statement. (*See* below).

(f) No, Sir. This is a state subject. The States/Union Territories have legislation on banning of restricting the slaughter of cow and her progeny. The number of other animals slaughtered, depends on the requirement of meat by the consumers in a particular State/UT.

Statement

Details of Export of Meat and Meat Products exported during 2004-05 to 2006-07

Qty. In : MTS, Value In : Rs. Lakhs

	2004-05		2005-06		2006-07	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Buffalo Meat	337777.65	177451.85	459937.63	262956.97	494111.48	321170.26
Sheep/Goat Meat	9024.49	8127.43	7177.51	8037.11	5481.55	6304.85
Poultry Products	1062265.65	28774.23	1185142.77	31565.71	710880.12	31590.27
Animal Products	552.73	1263.99	1125.82	1751.33	435.98	950.65
Processed Meat	1359.7	944.85	256.04	242.7	825.01	680.45

Rottening of wheat

4. SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that wheat bags in most wheat producing States have been rottening in the open while many godowns of the State warehousing corporations have been rented out to private traders who were using the godowns to store fertilizers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

Agriculture Crops Insurance Scheme

†5. SHRI KRISHAN LAL BALMIKI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the present Agriculture Crops Insurance Scheme, being not on the basis of the farmer's personal crop and land holdings, is not proving practical;

(b) if so, the details of the insurance claims settled so far;

(c) whether there is in any scheme under consideration to introduce the Agriculture Crops Insurance Scheme on personal basis;

(d) whether Government is contemplating to take any other corrective step to make the Agriculture Crops Insurance Scheme more comprehensive and multidimensional; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS) and Pilot Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (WBCIS) which are at present, under operation, are mainly area based schemes and loss assessment is made at the level of notified unit area of insurance and not on individual farm/farmer basis.

The schemes are proving beneficial to farmers. During the last 17 crop seasons (1999-2000 to 2007-08) claims amounting to Rs. 10600 crore approx. have been paid under NAIS. Similarly, under Pilot WBCIS claims amounting to Rs. 107.43 crore are paid during Kharif 2007 and Rabi 2007-08.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Based on the recommendations of the Joint Group constituted by the Government for the improvements of existing scheme *i.e.* NAIS, a proposal on Modified National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (MNAIS) comprising reducing the unit area of insurance; improved method of calculation of threshold yield; higher level of indemnity; coverage of additional risks etc. is under consideration of the Government of India.

Utilization of manpower of farmers

†6. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the farmers of the country do not get work for most of the period of the year as a result of which the manpower of the country could not be utilized;

(b) whether Government has conducted or propose to conduct any study in this regard;

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†Original notice of the question we received in Hindi.